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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON VIKING
SPACESHIP LANDING FROM PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO PRESIDENT FORD

REF: MONROVIA 5169

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD
TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT: QTE ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE ON THE SUCCESS
OF THE VIKING MISSION.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT MAN GAIN PERSPECTIVE ON HIS PLACE IN
THE UNIVERSE. THIS UNDERLYING MOTIVATION OF OUR SPACE
PROGRAM HAS SPARKED SOME OF OUR MOST IMAGINATIVE AND IM-
PORTANT EFFORTS. WE HOPE THAT THE EXPLORATION OF MARS
AND THE SEARCH FOR LIFE ON THAT MYSTERIOUS PLANET WILL
ALSO IMPROVE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR OWN PLANET AND WILL
PROMOTE COOPERATION AMONG ALL PEOPLES ON EARTH.

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUED PROGRAM OF IMPORTANT

ACTIVITIES IN SPACE, AIMED NOT ONLY AT IMMEDIATE APPLI-
CATIONS TO OUR PRESSING PROBLEMS BUT ALSO AT ACHIEVING
A MORE COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THOSE QUESTIONS SO
CRUCIAL TO THE FUTURE OF MANKIND. SINCERELY, GERALD R.
FORD. UNQTE.

2. NO RELEASE OF THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED, BUT WE HAVE NO
OBJECTION IF LIBERIANS WISH TO DO SO. HABIB

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